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Comment period extended on Kangley-Echo Lake Project

PORTLAND, Ore. - In response to public requests, the Bonneville Power Administration has extended the scoping period to receive public comments on the proposed 500-kilovolt Kangley-Echo Lake Transmission Line Project to serve the Puget Sound area. The agency has also scheduled an additional public meeting.

The new deadline for comments is July 22, extended from June 19. The additional public meeting will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on July 11 at the Best Western Summit Inn, Room 603, State Route 906, Snoqualmie Pass, Wash. Two of the routes under consideration follow Interstate 90 westward from Stampede Pass to BPA's Echo Lake Substation near North Bend.

We're pleased with the level of public interest on this project," said Project Manager Lou Driessen. Residents along all of the alternatives have asked for more time to submit information so we will to keep the comment period open for another month."

Nearly 500 people attended the five public meetings BPA held in early June. Those meetings were held in Seattle, North Bend, Black Diamond, Kent and Maple Valley, Wash.

The comment period is part of BPA's public involvement process for developing the supplemental draft environmental impact statement on the Kangley-Echo Lake Transmission Project. BPA is examining four alternate routes not studied in detail in the original draft environmental impact statement.

BPA plans to issue the supplemental draft environmental impact statement for public review and comment this winter with a final EIS in the spring. BPA proposes to make a decision on the project following the completion of its environmental review.

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